

in their states, the number reported may slightly understate the actual number. Further, we estimate that, on average, for each master meter and LPG system the operator has 100 serv-

I will continue to work with Senator INOUE in the next Congress, who will chair the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to determine the feasibility of requiring these important safety devices in types of buildings as well—other than single family residences as well as safety advocates including the National Transportation Safety Board have suggested is feasible. These safety devices can provide crucial protection in the event of a pipeline rupture or similar incident, and technology has advanced to the point where they are effective and readily available. Many pipeline companies are already using excess flow valves in such installations.

I thank all those who worked toward an agreement on this provision and all those who helped pass this bill. A gas leak in a home can be a silent killer, with little warning; we must utilize technology which is available to keep our families safe.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5782) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5076 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5076) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5076) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

VETERANS PROGRAMS EXTENSION ACT OF 2006

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6342 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6342) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, a motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6342) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

PROHIBITING DISRUPTIONS OF FUNERALS OF MEMBERS OR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 4042 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4042) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 4042) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 4042

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RESPECT FOR THE FUNERALS OF FALLEN HEROES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 67 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 1388. Prohibition on disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces

“(a) PROHIBITION.—For any funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces that is not located at a cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration or part of Arlington National Cemetery, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in an activity during the period beginning 60 minutes before and ending 60 minutes after such funeral, any part of which activity—

“(1)(A) takes place within the boundaries of the location of such funeral or takes place within 150 feet of the point of the intersection between—

“(i) the boundary of the location of such funeral; and

“(ii) a road, pathway, or other route of ingress to or egress from the location of such funeral; and

“(B) includes any individual willfully making or assisting in the making of any noise or diversion that is not part of such funeral and that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace or good order of such funeral with the intent of disturbing the peace or good order of that funeral; or

“(2)(A) is within 300 feet of the boundary of the location of such funeral; and

“(B) includes any individual willfully and without proper authorization impeding the access to or egress from such location with the intent to impede the access to or egress from such location.

“(b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘Armed Forces’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 10.

“(2) The term ‘funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces’ means any ceremony or memorial service held in connection with the burial or cremation of a member or former member of the Armed Forces.

“(3) The term ‘boundary of the location’, with respect to a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces, means—

“(A) in the case of a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces that is held at a cemetery, the property line of the cemetery;

“(B) in the case of a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces that is held at a mortuary, the property line of the mortuary;

“(C) in the case of a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces that is held at a house of worship, the property line of the house of worship; and

“(D) in the case of a funeral of a member or former member of the Armed Forces that is held at any other kind of location, the reasonable property line of that location.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 67 of such title is amended by inserting after the item related to section 1387 the following new item:

“1388. Prohibition on disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces.”.

PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR RESTORATION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 4091 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4091) to provide authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 4091) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 4091

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Social Security Trust Funds Restoration Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act—

(1) **CLERICAL ERROR.**—The term "clerical error" means the bookkeeping errors at the Social Security Administration that resulted in the overpayment of amounts transferred from the Trust Funds to the general fund of the Treasury during the period commencing with 1999 and ending with 2005 as transfers, under the voluntary withholding program authorized by section 3402(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, of anticipated taxes on benefit payments under title II of the Social Security Act.

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury.

(3) **TRUST FUNDS.**—The term "Trust Funds" means the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF TRUST FUNDS.

(a) **APPROPRIATION.**—There is hereby appropriated to each of the Trust Funds, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an amount determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, to be equal, to the extent practicable in the judgment of the Secretary, to the difference between—

(1) the sum of—

(A) the amounts that the Secretary determines, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, were overpaid from such Trust Fund to the general fund of the Treasury by reason of the clerical error, and

(B) the amount that the Secretary determines, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, to be equal, to the extent practicable in the judgment of the Secretary, to the interest income that would have been payable to such Trust Fund pursuant to section 201(d) of the Social Security Act on obligations issued under chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, that was not paid by reason of the clerical error, and

(2) the sum of—

(A) the amounts that are refunded to such Trust Fund as overpayments by reason of the clerical error to the extent not limited by periods of limitation under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) the interest that is paid to such Trust Fund on the overpayments resulting from the clerical error to the extent allowed under applicable provisions of such Code.

(b) **INVESTMENT.**—The Secretary shall invest the amounts appropriated to each of the Trust Funds under subsection (a) in accordance with the currently applicable investment policy for such Trust Fund.

SEC. 4. TIMING.

(a) **ACTIONS BY THE SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the restoration described in section 3 not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **ACTION BY THE COMMISSIONER.**—The Commissioner of Social Security shall cooperate with the Secretary to the extent necessary to enable the Secretary to meet the requirements of subsection (a).

SEC. 5. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.

Not later than 30 days after the Secretary takes the last action necessary to accomplish the restoration described in section 3, the Secretary shall notify each House of the Congress in writing of the actions so taken.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following bills reported out of the Energy Committee:

Calendar Nos. 542 to 545, 548 to 551, 554 to 556, 650 and 671, and the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2205 and H.R. 5646, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendments at the desk be agreed to; the committee-reported amendments, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; the bills, as amended, if amended, be read the third time and passed; the title amendments be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MONTANA CEMETERY ACT OF 2005

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 997) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

S. 997

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Montana Cemetery Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **COUNTY.**—The term "County" means Jefferson County, Montana.

(2) **MAP.**—The term "map" means the map that is—

(A) entitled "Elkhorn Cemetery";

(B) dated May 9, 2005; and

(C) on file in the office of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTANA.

(a) **CONVEYANCE.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary (acting through the Regional Forester, Northern Region, Missoula, Montana) shall convey by quitclaim deed to the County for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, except as provided in subsection (e), in and to the parcel of land described in subsection (b).

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF LAND.**—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of approximately 9.67 acres of National Forest System land (including any improvements to the land) in the County that is known as the "Elkhorn Cemetery", as generally depicted on the map.

(c) **USE OF LAND.**—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (a), the County shall—

(1) use the land described in subsection (b) as a County cemetery; and

(2) agree to manage the cemetery with due consideration and protection for the historic and cultural values of the cemetery, under such terms and conditions as are agreed to by the Secretary and the County.

(d) **EASEMENT.**—In conveying the land to the County under subsection (a), the Secretary, in accordance with applicable law, shall grant to the County an easement across certain National Forest System land, as generally depicted on the map, to provide access to the land conveyed under that subsection.

(e) **REVERSION.**—In the quitclaim deed to the County, the Secretary shall provide that the land conveyed to the County under subsection (a) shall revert to the Secretary, at the election of the Secretary, if the land is—

(1) used for a purpose other than the purposes described in subsection (c)(1); or

(2) managed by the County in a manner that is inconsistent with subsection (c)(2).

Amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery."

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 997), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CITY OF YUMA IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1529) to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "City of Yuma Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **CITY.**—The term "City" means the city of Yuma, Arizona.

(2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "Federal land" means the Bureau of Reclamation land depicted on the map and more particularly described as—

(A) parcels 2 and 3 of tract 1;

(B) a portion of parcel 110-73-019;

(C) the old Arizona Department of Transportation weigh station;

(D) portions of blocks 52, 53, 54, and 55;

(E) the future drying bed location; and

(F) the future Arizona Welcome Center.

(3) **MAP.**—The term "map" means the map entitled "City of Yuma Proposed Property Ownership" and dated July 25, 2005.

(4) **NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "non-Federal land" means the non-Federal land depicted on the map and generally known as the "Railroad Parcels".

(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.